

Building Positive Relationships



Mentoring Students



SAFE SCHOOLS *partnerships to keep students safe in school*

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*Joining forces to
keep students safe
in schools*



Coming together is a beginning...
Keeping together is progress...
Working together is a success."
Anonymous

Partnership Roles

**City of Phoenix Caseworkers
Juvenile Probation Officers
School Resource Officers**



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What are Safe Schools?

The Safe Schools program represents a partnership between school officials, city of Phoenix Police, Maricopa County juvenile probation officers and city of Phoenix caseworkers. These partnerships were formed to actively deter high-risk behaviors through educating youth about good decision-making and building positive relationships with adult role models. The Safe Schools partnerships work closely with students in Phoenix area schools to keep them successfully enrolled in school and to help them lead productive lives free from crime and violence.

This partnership collaborates with the school administration, teachers, students and their families. The partners provide specialized social services to students, plan schoolwide events and teach law-related education. This specific program teaches students the fundamentals of the law and how the justice system operates. The partners strive to build lasting relationships with the youth they serve.

Teaching Law-Related Education



Partnership Roles

Safe Schools Caseworkers

The Safe Schools caseworkers work closely with a selected group of target students who are in need of additional supportive services to stay successfully enrolled in school. The caseworkers address the underlying problems youth encounter while attending school. They work with students and their families to address any barriers affecting their education and future success. The caseworkers also coordinate speakers, resource fairs and other schoolwide events in addition to the following services:

- Providing ongoing case management
- Providing crisis intervention
- Conducting assessments
- Facilitating educational group sessions
- Mediating conflicts
- Referring to community agencies
- Prevention and intervention programs
- Providing individual and family support services

Juvenile Probation Officer (JPO)

JPO's build positive relationships with students by providing them with a positive role model and mentor. Their activities include:

- Working as a community and court liaison
- Teaming with police officers and caseworkers to provide services to students.
- Providing information on the court process
- Teaching law-related education

- Collaborating with Teen Court and Truancy Intervention programs
- Fostering and maintaining a safe school environment
- Reducing prevalence and incidence of substance abuse and violence in students
- Maintaining support groups with identified issues/topics
- Providing information and guidance to families and the community on safety issues and encourage neighborhood participation
- Ensuring the safety and emergency preparedness of the JABG school

School Resource Officer (SRO)

The SRO's participate in many programs that require devotion, commitment and the desire to help today's youth. The SRO's maintain safety on school campuses through the following activities:

- Establishing and maintaining a professional working relationship with school officials, students and families
- Providing appropriate police/enforcement services at assigned schools
- Investigating all crime on campus
- Providing instruction in law-related education
- Keeping school campuses crime and drug free
- Referring students and families to social services